

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on 20 November 2009. **Claims 2-4, 6-8, 17-19, 26-28, and 49-52** are now pending in the present application and **claims 1, 5, 9-12, 16, 20-21, 25, and 29-48** are canceled.

Response to Amendment

2. The reply filed on 20 November 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
 - a. Applicant presented claims 49-52 that are directed to an invention distinct from and independent of the invention previously claimed. See MPEP § 821.03 and 37 CFR 1.145.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Election/Restrictions

3. Newly submitted claims 49-52 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:
- a. **Claim 49-52** includes the limitations “...**generating a first marking** indicating that the call is allowed **on each of the plurality of communications cards** if the dialing string indicates an emergency number...**for each communications card**, determining whether the call is allowed based, at least in part, on the dialing string, and upon determining that the call is not allowed on a **communications card**, **generating a second marking** to indicate that the call is not allowed; **for each communications card** where the call has been determined to be allowed, determining whether the dialing string is to be altered, and upon determining that the dialing string is to be altered, **generating a third marking** indicating that the dialing string is to be altered; **generating two or more output data fields, a first of the two or more output data fields** comprising the input dialing string or **if the third marking has been generated, an altered dialing string, and a second of the two or more output data fields comprising one or more bits for indicating the first, second, and third markings...**” or a variation as recited in line(s) 5-18 of claim 49.

Regarding claims 49-52 (including dependents 2-4, 6-8, 13-15, 17-19, 22-24, and 26-28), the limitations of the claims present an independent and/or distinguishable aspect of the claims that clearly differs from the originally presented invention. For example, claim 1 was directed to features such as accessing, for each of the plurality of communications networks, user-defined permission information.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 49-52 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

4. This list of examples is not intended to be exhaustive. The Examiner respectfully requests the applicant to review all claims and clarify the issues as listed above as well as any other issue(s) that are not listed.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIE J. DANIEL JR whose telephone number is (571)272-7907. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on (571) 272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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